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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO CHAIRMAN OF OAU

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2034

1. PARA TWO BELOW CONTAINS TEXT OF LETTER DATED MAY 24 FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE OAU. LETTER CONGRATULATES OAU ON FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY (MAY 25) OF ITS FOUNDING. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD PASS TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT BONGO. ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PRESIDENT BONGO:

I WISH TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ON THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING. DURING THOSE YEARS THE OAU HAS SUCCEEDED IN FOSTERING A TRUE SENSE OF AFRICAN UNITY AND IN ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE CONTINENT.

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AS WE EXPRESS OUR PRAISE OF THE OAU'S PAST AND PRESENT ACHIEVEMENTS, WE ALSO LOOK TO THE OAU WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. IN ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD, CRITICAL CHALLENGES CONTINUE TO DEVELOP. BECAUSE OF THE PROMINENT POSITION WHICH AFRICA HOLDS TODAY, THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT TAKE ON WORLD-WIDE SIGNIFICANCE.

I PERSONALLY, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS A WHOLE, LOOK TO THE OAU TO FOSTER THE IMAGINATION AND LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO TACKLE THOSE PROBLEMS. WE HOPE FOR CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR NATION AND THE OAU.

IN CONCLUSION, LET ME EXPRESS TO YOU, PRESIDENT BONGO, MY DEEP PERSONAL RESPECT FOR THE WORK WHICH YOU HAVE DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE OAU. YOUR EFFORTS AT SOLVING THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF THE CONTINENT, YOUR PATIENCE AND COMMITMENT, HAVE SET AN IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE FOR THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE OAU AS WELL AS FOR OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SINCERELY, ANDREW YOUNG. END TEXT. YOUNG

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